

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawing(s) include changes to FIGS. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The sheets containing FIGs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 replace the respective original sheets including FIGs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

In the Office Action at item 1, the Examiner objected to the drawings in that they failed to match up to the reference parts as described in the specification. In order to overcome this objections, replacement figures are submitted herewith. Replacement FIGs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 correspond to the reference parts as described in the specification.

No new matter is presented, and accordingly approval and entry of the foregoing amended drawings

Approval of these changes to the Drawings is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the drawings are amended. Claims 1-19 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented, and accordingly approval and entry of the foregoing amended drawings are respectfully requested.

OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY

Block 7 of the Office Action summary indicates that claim 6 is objected to, however, the Detailed Action does not contain any support for such objection.

In a telephone conversation between the Applicants' representative and the Examiner on June 6, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claim 6 is objected to as dependent upon a base claim but is allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner also indicated that although claims 8-13 are listed in block 5 of the Office Action Summary as allowed that claims 8-13 should have instead been indicated as objected to as dependent upon base claim 7 and allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Correction to indicate the same is respectfully requested in a next Office action, if forthcoming.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 15-18 are allowed.

As indicated above, in the telephone conversation of June 7, 2005, Examiner indicated that claims 6 and 8-13 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants appreciate the indications of allowable subject matter. However, claims 6 and 8-13 are not rewritten to independent form, since patentability is submitted to reside in the independent claims 1 and 7 from which claims 6 and 8-13 respectively depend.

ITEM 1: OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

In item 1, the Examiner objects to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to match up with reference parts as described in the specification. FIGS. 1-5 are amended herein to provide drawings that provide views that match up to the reference parts as described in the specification. See, for example, paragraphs [0003]-[0018] and paragraphs [0050]-[0070].

No new matter is presented, and accordingly approval and entry of the foregoing amended drawings. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is requested.

ITEM 3: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-5, 7, 14, AND 19 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER HIRST (U.S.P. 5,627,722) IN VIEW OF OGUMA ET AL. (US 2002/0064390) AND OSAKA (U.S.P. 5,051,866)

Independent claims 1, 7, and 19 respectively recite a voltage supply device and image forming apparatus, using claim 1 as an example, including "a printed circuit board (PCB) connected with a high voltage supply source; including "a plurality of fixed contact point terminals provided at one end of the respective color developing devices; and a plurality of voltage changeover units on the PCB selectively connecting the PCB and the fixed contact point terminals to selectively supply the voltage from the high voltage supply source to the respective color developing devices."

As provided in MPEP §2143.03 "To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F. 2d 1981, (CCPA 1974)."

Applicants submit that features recited by each of the independent claims are not discussed by the cited alone or in combination.

The Action concedes that Hirst does not teach these features. (Action at page 3). However, the Examiner contends that Oguma discusses "fixed contact point terminals provided at one end the respective color developing devices" by discussing:

a development sleeve (fig. 1, part 12) having a coil spring electrode (fig. 1 part 29b) at one end as a contact portion to supply the development bias (p. 4, paragraph [0053]).

(Action at page 3).

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner is mistaken in this contention, in that a development sleeve with a coil spring is not a "point terminal." A spring is not a "fixed" terminal. Further, as illustrated in Oguma FIG. 1, the coil spring is not "provided at one end" but rather is wrapped around a portion of the sleeve.

The Examiner also contends:

bias provided through the coil spring is used to power the many parts of the development unit. . . (discusses) plurality of different elements of the developing devices.

(Action at pages 3-4).

However, the independent claims, using claim 1 as an example, recite rather, "a plurality

of voltage changeover units for selectively connecting the PCB and the fixed contact point terminals to selectively supply the voltage from the high voltage supply source to the respective color developing devices." (Emphasis added). That is, that a bias is not being provided to just many parts of one developing device, but selectively being provided to respective devices.

None of the art relied on by the Examiner, alone or in combination, discuss such a "selectively" supplying, nor has the Examiner provided any support in rejecting this feature.

CONCLUSION

Since features recited by claims 1-5, 7, 14, and 19 are not discussed by the art relied on by the Examiner, alone or in combination, and prima facie obviousness is not established, the rejection should be withdrawn and claims 1-5, 7, 14, and 19 allowed.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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FIG. 1
(PRIOR ART)

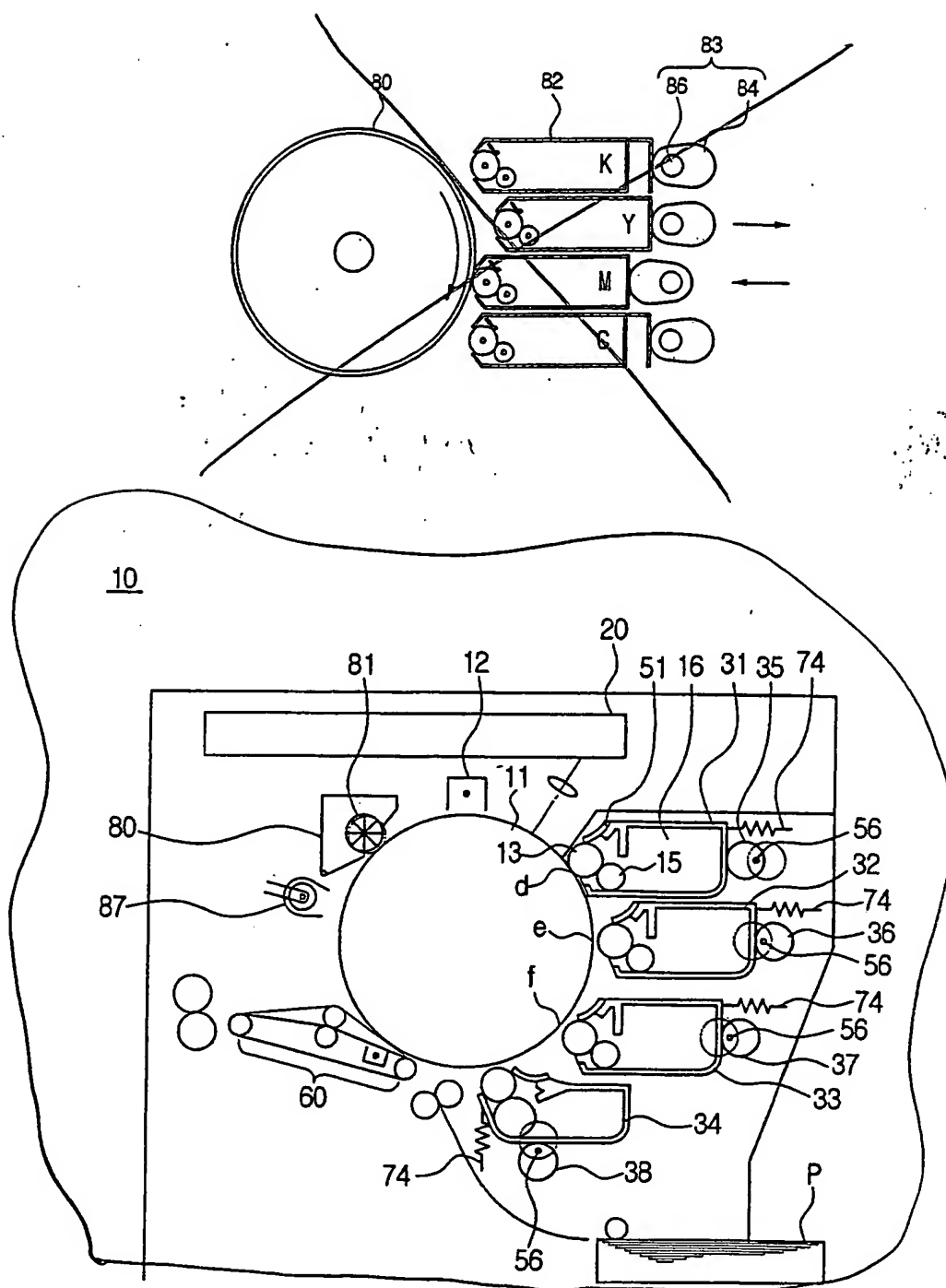


FIG.2
(PRIOR ART)

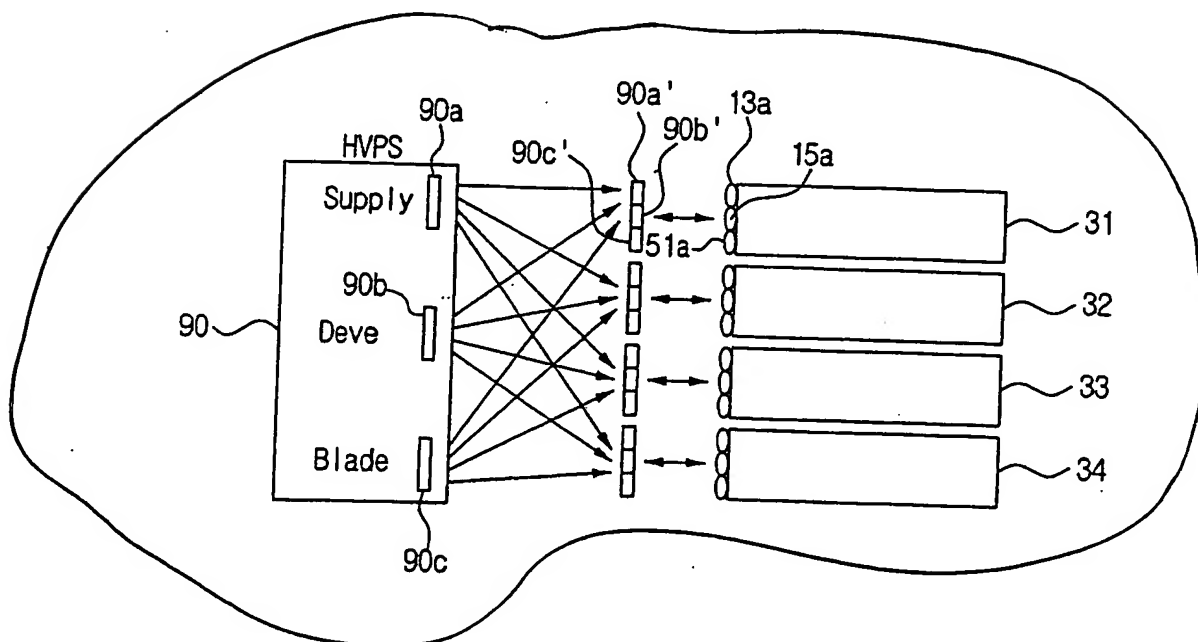
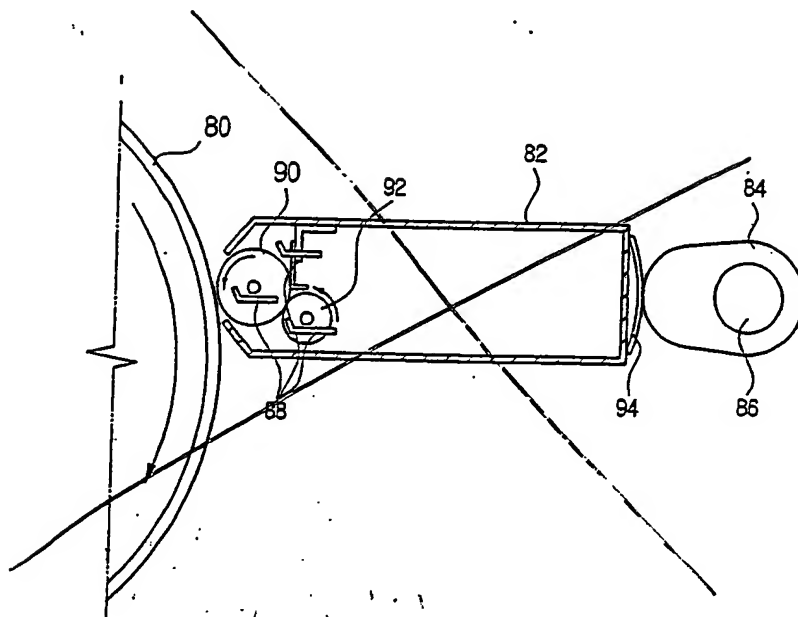


FIG.3

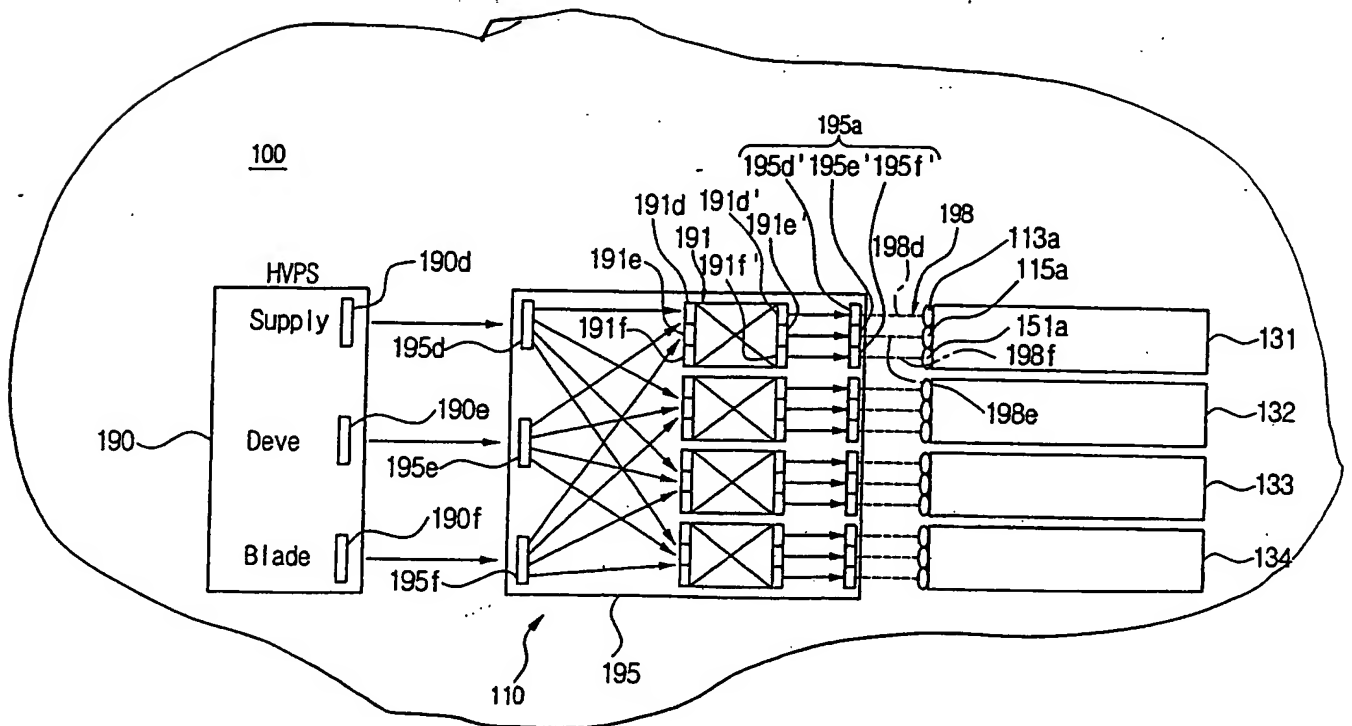
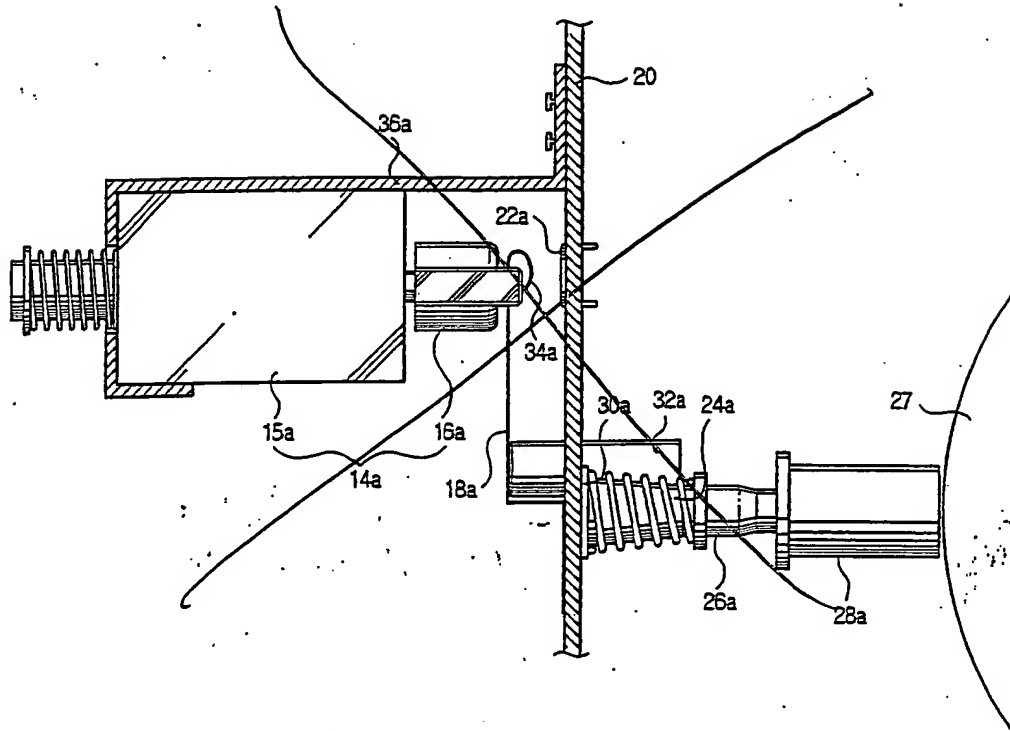


FIG.4

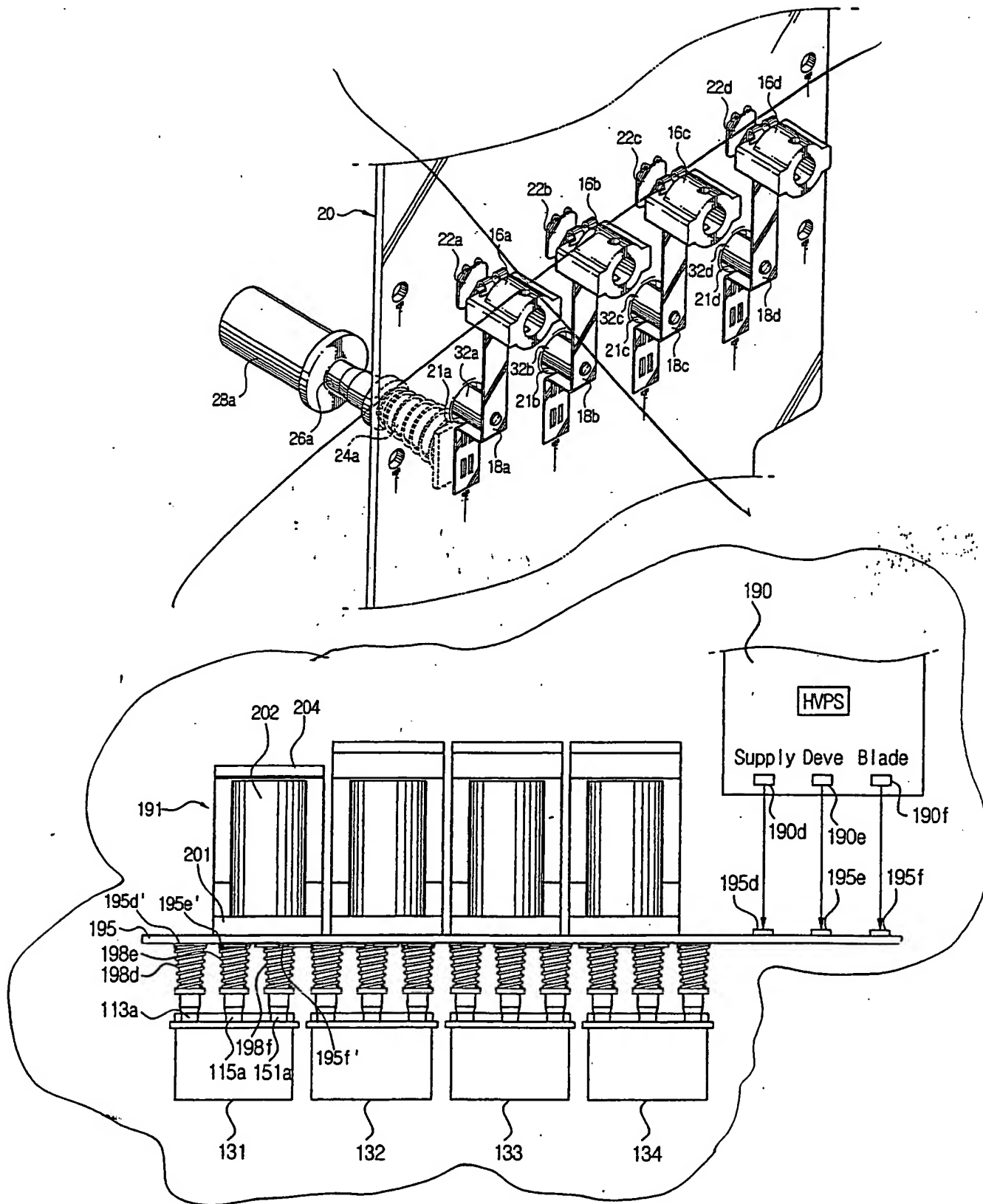


FIG.5

